GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of drugs has registered a significant increase in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of production thereof during last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the extent to which the Union Government have been able to meet the demand of drugs in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The Indian pharmaceutical industry has registered animpressive growth over the years and has increased its exports. According to ORG-MARG Retail Store Audit Report, the pharmaceutical market in the country for the last three years has been as under:

Year	(Rs. Crore)
1999	12804.05
2000	14155.45
2001	15533.79

(c): The availability of drugs in the country, in general, is satisfactory. The Indian Drug Industry is able to meet the requirement of bulk drugs in a significant measure and of almost the entire range of formulations except certain new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics.